

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Mixing appliance pertaining to a chemical or biochemical analyser comprising at least one pipette having a body, a free end and a head fixed to a head supporting block, and driving means designed to cause oscillation of the free end of the pipette, the driving means comprising an actuating unit securedly fixed to a frame and associated with a guiding block operating in conjunction with the body of the pipette, appliance wherein the head supporting block is mounted in such a way as to rotate freely in the frame around an axis perpendicular to the plane in which the pipette oscillates.~~

A mixing appliance for use with a chemical or biochemical analyser, the mixing appliance comprising:

a frame;

a head supporting block freely rotatably disposed within the frame;

at least one pipette including a body, a free end, and a head fixed to the head supporting block; and

a driving unit disposed on the frame to cause the free end of the at least one pipette to oscillate within a plane, the supporting block being rotatable about an axis that is perpendicular to the plane, the driving unit including:

an actuating unit fixed to the frame; and

a guiding block located between the free end and the head of the pipette.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Appliance~~The mixing appliance according to claim 7, wherein the guiding block ~~comprises~~comprises:

\_\_\_\_\_ a connecting block, ~~securedly fixed to the axis~~ disposed along an axis of the actuating unit, and

\_\_\_\_\_ an eccentric block, ~~securedly fixed to the connecting block, block and~~ in contact with the body of the pipette and mounted such as to rotate freely around ~~its axis~~ an axis of the eccentric block.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Appliance~~ The mixing appliance according to claim 8, wherein the body of the pipette ~~passes~~ extends through the eccentric block.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Appliance~~ The mixing appliance according to claim 8, wherein the axis of the eccentric block ~~presents an offset of~~ is offset about 0.1 mm ~~with respect to~~ from the axis of the actuating unit.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Appliance~~ The mixing appliance according to claim 7, wherein the actuating unit is a DC motor.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Appliance~~ The mixing appliance according to claim 11, wherein the actuating unit comprises ~~comprising~~ means for regulating ~~the~~ at least one of speed, acceleration ~~or operating~~ and operating time of the motor.